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OF THE

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Mississippi Annual Conference.

Sixtieth Session—December 15–21, 1875.

The Sixtieth Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was begun and held in the town of Canton, Mississippi, December 15–21, 1875.

Bishop R. Paine, the appointed President of the Conference, was met on his arrival at Canton, by a telegram, summoning him home on account of the accidental and severe wounding of his son-in-law. By request of Bishop Paine, Rev. W. E. M. Linfield called the Conference to order, and asked Rev. John G. Jones to take the chair and conduct the religious exercises, to which he responded by reading Titus iii., singing 272d hymn, and prayer.

On the third ballot, Rev. W. H. Watkins, D. D., was elected chairman, who presided until Friday morning, when Bishop E. M. Marvin came, and presided over the Conference to its close.

The following clerical members were present during the session, their names being recorded according to the date of their admission, re-admission or transfer into the Conference, viz:

J. G. Jones, W. H. Watkins, A. Day, E. R. Strickland, H. J. Harris, J. Nicholson, H. H. Montgomery, W. Wadsworth, R. A. Sibley, J. A. Godfrey. A. B. Nicholson, J. A. B. Jones, J. H. Shelton, W. B. Hines, D. W. Dillehay, B. Jones, G. F. Thompson, J. A. Vance, C. G. Andrews, N. B. Young, L. Kendall, H. F. Johnson, E. H. Mounger, C. W. Campbell, I. B. Robertson, W. W. Hurst, D. Merchant, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. D. Hays, W. E. Ballard, R. B. Downer, J. S. Harris, F. M. Williams, J. A. Ellis, W. E. M. Linfield, F. M. Featherstun, P. Howard, A. M. Campbell, J. T. Heard, J. C. Brogan, T. Y. Armstrong, W. H. Leith, C. B. Galloway, R. D.

Norsworthy, E F. Mullins, C. F. Gillespie, J. H. Evans, C. McDonald, J. Long, D. A. Givens, L. Carley, U. B. Philips, P. A. Johnson, J. M. Weems, R. Bradley, R. J. Jones, D. G. W. Ellis, J. H. Holland, T. B. Walden, H. R. Singleton, D. P. Bradford, J. W. Adkisson, J. J. Smylie, H. W. Featherstun, J. W. Sandell, W. C. Black, B. T. Pearson, T. Price, A. J. Coleman, J. W. Ellison, J. B. K. Smith, J. W. McLaurin, C. C. Watkins, T. S. West, D. C. Langford, T. B. Holloman, C. R. Benson, D. A. Little, A. L. McBryde, J. W. Ritchey, L. R. Featherstun.

Lay members from the several Districts were present, and participated in the proceedings, as follows, viz:

W. L. Nugent W. G. Kearney, J. T. Cameron, E. C. Postell, T. L. Mellen, J. G. Guice, C. K. Marshall, J. E. Jagers, E. P. Ellis, R. Babbington, J. Nicholson, R. C. T. S. Hilliard, W. Barnes, B. H. Catching, J. Hester, W. D. King, W. M. Thornton, I. Miller, V. M. West, T. J. Feazell.

C. G. Andrews was elected Secretary; J. A. B. Jones, Assistant; J. T. Cameron, Recording Secretary; and J. J. Smylie, Statistical Secretary.

The hours of 9 A. M. and 1 P. M. were fixed upon as the time of meeting and adjournment.

Committees on the various interests of the church were appointed as follows, viz:

On Public Worship.—W. E. M. Linfield, R. J. Jones, E. C. Postell.

On Education.—C. B. Galloway, H. F. Johnson, J. W. Adkisson, T. Price, W. H. Leith, B. Jones, W. H. Watkins, J. A. B. Jones.

On Sunday Schools.—W. C. Black, B. H. Catching, R. Babbington, C. McDonald, D. A. Givens, A. M. Campbell, J. W. McLaurin, W. L. C. Hunnicutt.

On the State of the Church.—F. M. Williams, H. R. Singleton, D. Merchant, W. W. Hurst, I. B. Robertson, J. A. Godfrey, U. B. Philips, E. H. Mounger.

On the Bible Cause.—R. Bradley, W. Wadsworth, A. J. Coleman, J. D. Hays, J. E. Jagers, C. C. Watkins, J. N. Nicholson, A. B Stewart.

On Religious Literature.—J. H. Shelton, J. M. Weems, L. Kendall, J. T. Heard, L. K. Barber, I. Miller, H. W. Featherstun, N. B. Young.

On Memoirs.—J. G. Jones, C. F. Gillespie, W. E. Ballard.

On Joint Board Finance.—R. D. Norsworthy, W. B. Lewis, W. L. Nugent, S. L. Guice, A. M. Campbell, L. K. Barber, H. P. Lewis,

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G. Nicholson, W. E. Ballard, I. V. Enochs, W. W. Hurst, W. M. Thornton. D. G. W. Ellis, T. C. Bell, L. Kendall, E. Enochs.

Rev. A. H. Redford, D. D., book agent; Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., Secretary of Vanderbilt University; Rev. L. Parker, D. D., editor N. O. Christian Advocate; and Rev. D. D. Moore, President of the Grenada Female College, were present during the session, advancing the interests of their respective appointments.

Communications from the Publishing House, from Rev. T. O. Summers, D. D., book editor, from the Missionary Secretaries, as also from the various institutions of learning within the bounds of the Conference, were read and referred to the appropriate committees.

Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the regular examination of the character of Elders.

First Question.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—Malachi B. Sharbrough, from the Cayuga Circuit; D. Webster McLean, from the Jackson, La., and Pickins Chapel Circuit; Harvy B. Denham, from the East Baton Rouge Circuit; Green W. Brown, from the Georgetown Circuit; William D. Dominick, from the Brandon Station.

Second Question.—Who remain on trial?

Answer.—V. Hicks Nelson, Beverly Carradine, Thomas W. Adams, Charles J. Philips, to bring up also the studies of the first year; J. Q. Hicks, to stand examination on Bedford's History; C. W. Reed, C. D. Cecil, Ruffin T. Davis, Wm. W. Hopper.

Third Question.—Who are discontinued?

Answer.—J. A. Guice, R. F. Flowers, E. Burkhalter, Jo. W. Hall, C. R. Powell.

Fourth Question.—Who are admitted into full connection?

D. C. Langford, C. R. Benson, D. A. Little, L. R. Featherstun, T. B. Holloman, A. L. McBryde, J. Ritchey.

Fifth Question.—Who are re-admitted?

Answer.—John Lusk.

Sixth Question.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer.—Ambrose M. Barrington, E. E. Hamilton, from the North Mississippi; R. S. Woodward, from the Alabama. George W. Davidson received on trial at last session, being proved an Elder in the Baptist church, was recognized in the same orders.

Seventh Question.—Who are the Deacons of one year?

Answer.—J. W. Ellison, J. B. K. Smith, J. W. McLaurin, T. S. West, in Elders' orders; R. Bradley, C. C. Watkins.

Eighth Question.—What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer.—D. C. Langford, C. R. Benson, J. Ritchey, L. R. Featherstun, D. A. Little.

Ninth Question.—What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer.—D. C. Langford, C. R. Benson, J. Ritchey, L. R. Featherstun, D. A. Little.

Tenth Question.—What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer.—Henry S. Gunn.

Eleventh Question.—What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer.—Benjamin L. Spruill.

Twelfth Question.—What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

Answer.—J. J. J. Smylie, D. A. Givens, U. B. Philips.

Thirteenth Question.—What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer.—J. J. Smylie, D. A. Givens, U. B. Philips.

Fourteenth Question.—What local preachers are elected Elders?

Answer.—John R. Cox.

Fifteenth Question.—What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer.—None.

Sixteenth Question.—Who are located this year?

Answer.—H. Moore, G. M. Gilmore, J. W. Hall.

Seventeenth Question.—Who are supernumerary?

Answer.—E. A. Flowers, J. A. Vance, P. A. Johnson.

Eighteenth Question.—Who are superanuated?

Answer.—W. Spillman, J. G. Jones, B. Pipkin, J. B. Higginbotham, W. Finn, H. Copeland, L. Pearce, J. Long, J. McKay, J. Shanks, J. Nicholson, A. Day, E. R. Strickland.

Nineteenth Question.—What preachers have died during the year?

Answer.—Thomas Clinton, William McCormick.

MEMOIR OF REV. THOMAS CLINTON.

Rev. Thomas Clinton was born of Jewish parentage, in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., in January, 1793, and died in St. Helena parish, La., October 28th, 1875, in the eighty-third year of his age. His parents were reared Roman Catholics, but were awakened and converted through the instrumentality of the Methodists. When he was but a few months old, his parents died of yellow fever, so near the same hour that they were interred in the same grave. He was tenderly cared for by a kind friend, who subsequently lived in Baltimore and New York, and in 1800 moved to Charleston, South Carolina. There he spent his youth. He was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, in January, 1820, and was sent as a volunteer missionary to the Mississippi Conference. He was zealous, active and happy in his work. Of the fifty-six years of his ministerial life, eighteen were spent on circuits, five on missions, and four on districts. The remain-

ing twenty-nine years he was on the superanuated roll, but most of the time was doing active service in the churches within his reach. He was a close and pains-taking student, and became one of the best theologians in our Conference. In January, 1828, he married Miss A. L. Hanna, who was in all respects qualified to be the faithful and honored companion of an itinerant preacher. She became the mother of ten children, four of whom, with herself, survive the beloved husband and father. His last illness was painful, but endured with manly Christian fortitude. In paroxysms of acute suffering, he was often triumphantly happy. Among his last utterances, he said to his wife that his peace was perfect. Thus passed triumphantly away one of the most consistent Christians and faithful ministers we have ever known.

MEMOIR OF REV. WILLIAM McCORMICK.

Rev. William McCormick was born in South Carolina, October 27th, 1796, and died at his residence, in Jasper county, Miss., June 24th, 1875, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

Brother McCormick embraced religion and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in April, 1820, and was ever after a most exemplary and zealous Christian. For reasons which he thought justified the step, he united with the Methodist Protestant Church, but showed no abatement of his love for Christ and His cause. From the time of his conversion, he felt moved by the spirit to preach the Gospel, but a naturally timid disposition, and the claims of a growing family, for several years afforded a plausible excuse for shunning his duty. After the lapse of nearly twenty years, he became thoroughly awakened to the importance of entering the ministry without further delay. Being now several years in advance of forty, he felt that what he did must be done quickly. He was accordingly licensed to preach, in the autumn of 1839, and after being an active and zealous local preacher two years, he entered the itinerancy of the Methodist Protestant Church, and for many years labored faithfully, acceptably and usefully on the large circuit in the southeastern part of Mississippi, until his health failed, when he was first placed on the supernumerary roll, and afterwards on the superanuated. When the Methodist Protestant Conference, of which he was an honored member, united with the Mississippi Conference, he cheerfully became a member of our body, and remained with us in a superanuated relation until his peaceful and triumphant death. His consistent and deeply pious life is a beautiful and impressive illustration of our holy Christianity, while his industry in cultivating his mind and attending to all his ministerial and pastoral duties, is worthy the imitation of all his co-laborers.

Twentieth Question.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer.—Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except A. Y. Davis, whose name was erased from the roll at his own request.

Twenty-First Question.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Answer.—See Statistical Tables in this pamphlet.

Twenty-Second Question.—How many infants have been baptised during the year?

Answer.—797.

Twenty-Third Question.—How many adults have been baptised during the year?

Answer.—772.

Twenty-Fourth Question.—What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Answer.—175.

Twenty-Fifth Question.—What is the number of Sunday School teachers?

Answer.—1067.

Twenty-Sixth Question.—What is the number of Sunday School scholars?

Answer.—6474.

Twenty-Seventh Question.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer.—$3,600.

Twenty-Eighth Question.—What has been collected on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?

Answer.—$2,658 60. Appropriated to Bishops, $1,000; to Conference claimants, $1,658 60. For the disbursement of the latter fund, see report of the Joint Board of Finance, in this pamphlet.

Twenty-Ninth Question.—What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer.—$3,295 35.

Thirtieth Question.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Answer.—At Natchez, Mississippi.

Thirty-First Question.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer.—See page —, of this pamphlet.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

And first, we would congratulate the Conference upon the advanced interest manifested in denominational education. Never, possibly, in

the history of the church, has there been such thorough conviction of its great importance. From all the Conferences throughout the connection, we are getting cheering intelligence. Our schools and colleges are being sustained, and some of them most generously patronized. Students are crowding their halls, and faithful, Christian educators are diligently engaged in their work of love. Conferences are rallying around their several institutions, and are liberally expending their means and energies to establish them beyond the accidents of annual patronage. The outlook of our educational work was never so hopeful as at present. But yet our manifest interest and expended energies are not equal to our necessities. The work to be accomplished is greater than the prosperity already achieved. Our past success and present position have created new demands and enlarged our responsibilities. The future of the church and the character of its teachings depend in a large degree upon the maintenance of our institutions of learning. Any system of free education, however economically administered and generously patronized, cannot meet the demands of the church. Her responsibility cannot be relegated to the State.

Romanism seek s to extend her borders by means of rigid sectarian instruction. In co nnection with every church she is organizing a parish school, and bidding for public sympathy and support. She claims cheaper schools and more faithful teaching. While these claims are untrue, it must be admitted that she is emphasizing the surest and most powerful agency to her advancement. Under all these circumstances, our duty is plain. We must educate Methodist children in Methodist schools. And with the excellent institutions of our church, having enlarged facilities and cheap rates of tuition, no Methodist need look outside his church for the liberal education of his sons and daughters.

The committee, having had under consideration the reports from our schools and colleges within the bounds of the Mississippi Conference, take pleasure in announcing their continued efficiency and prosperity.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

This institution, under the present administration, has been gradually regaining the sympathy and confidence of the church, which the war and its results have seriously disturbed. Several young men are there, being educated for the Gospel ministry. The patronage has not been so large, owing to the political excitements of the past few months, but will be much increased after the Christmas holidays. We are gratified to report to the Conference that there is good prospect for a $20,000 endowment of a professorship in the College. We recommend that Rev. C. G. Andrews, D. D., be retained as President.

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE.

The success of this institution, under the presidency of Rev. H. F. Johnson, is matter of pride and gratification. It has achieved a position of usefulness and prosperity beyond the highest expectations of its most sanguine friends. The President has under consideration the

erection of a large, commodious, brick building, with capacity for two hundred boarders. We commend this enterprise to the hearty co-operation of the Conference. We recommend that Rev. H. F. Johnson be re-appointed President.

EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE.

This new enterprise is rapidly growing in usefulness and importance. During the past session the patronage, from home and abroad, has been larger than at any previous period of its history, with expectations of continued increase. This college is of great importance to the church in East Mississippi, and it gives us pleasure to report its prosperous growth. We recommend that Rev. J. A. Ellis be re-appointed agent, and the Rev. J. W. Adkisson be continued President.

PORT GIBSON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

This Academy has had an honored history. Many accomplished educated young ladies have been sent out from its walls, who to-day are the ornaments of our Southern society. The last year has been one of prosperity. It is located in a section that demands such an institution. We recommend the appointment of Rev. J. A. B. Jones as President.

Resolved, 1st, That whereas the Board of Trustees of Sharon Female College hold in trust some valuable pieces of school apparatus, and whereas this apparatus is the property of the church, and is being used to no advantage to the church, we recommend that it be granted in trust to East Mississippi Female College, through Rev. J. W. Adkisson, President.

Resolved, 2d, That we are highly gratified by the presence at our Conference, of Rev. Dr. R. A. Young, Secretary of Vanderbilt University, and Rev. D. D. Moore, President of Grenada Female College, and to learn from them of the prosperity of the institutions which they represent.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY, Chairman.

W. H. LEITH, Secretary.

A paper was referred to the committee, by the President of Whitworth Female College, relating to the two free scholarships reserved by the donor of the college. As we have no funds upon which to draw for the payment of such claims, we have no recommendation to make, and refer the matter back to the Conference.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY, Chairman.

W. H. LEITH, Secretary.

ENDOWMENT OF CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Resolved, 1st, That the members of our church, in the bounds of the Mississippi Conference, be and they are hereby most earnestly appealed to to contribute, during the year 1876, the first centennial of our National existence, each the sum or average of one dollar, for the permanent endowment of Centenary College.

Resolved, 2d, That we, the Pastors and presiding Elders of the Con-

ference, will read the above to all our congregations, and urge upon our people the reasonableness and importance of a prompt compliance therewith.

Resolved, 3d, That we respectfully request the ladies of our church to organize associations in each and every charge, to secure this sum by such means as they may deem most efficient, and thereby establish for all coming time, our college, upon the most permanent basis.

W. H. LEITH,
C. K. MARSHALL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Religious Literature, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. Our Sunday School literature supplies a felt necessity in this important branch of the church's work, and we are glad to see that our present Sunday School Secretary has adopted the international texts, as we believe the system of better adapted to the progreseive bent of the youthful mind, and calculated to give them a more extended knowledge of the Holy scriptures.

2. We believe the dress and matter of the New Orleans Christian Advocate to be all we could ask, to make it a first-class religious journal; and we doubt not, the experience of every pastor is, that where it is circulated among his people, the effect for good to every interest of the church, is great. Yet, we would respectfully suggest to our Publishing Committee, that we believe the best interest of the paper requires that they adopt the cash system at the earliest possible date, and thereafter discontinue every unrenewed subscription at the time of its expiration.

3. We believe the Nashville Christian Advocate answers the purpose for which it was created, to the satisfaction of the church; and we can but regret that it is not more extensively circulated among our people, as it tends not only to promote the morals and confirm the faith of the church, but supplies us with a knowledge of the several interests and working of the entire connection.

4. We would call the attentionof our preachers and people to the portance of subscribing for and carefully studying our Southern Review, as a safe and frugal investment of both time and money.

Your committee would not close this report without stating to those who may desire to purchase or replenish their libraries, or sell books on commission, to the fact that our own Publishing House can supply them cheaper than any other house in the United States. They can furnish you with all Eastern bound books, as cheap as any other house, while they can furnish our own publications ten per cent. cheaper. Besides the additional expense saved in the distance, you will have to ship them by freight or express.

Resolved, 1st, That we disapprove of the publication, in the New Orleans and Nashville Christian Advocates, the advertisements of quack and patent medicines, and suggest that all such advertisements should be suppressed and discontinued.

Resolved, 2d, That we disapprove of the insertion, in the Nashville Christian Advocate, of so many notices of the personal friends of the editor.

THOS. L. MELLEN,
W. L. NUGENT,
W. W. HURST.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SHELTON, Chairman.

J. M. WEEMS, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Conference:

The amount assessed our Annual Conference by the late Board of Finance, for the support of the Bishops, was $1,000; the amounts received by us from the various charges aggregate $1,000, of which we have appropriated the sum of $50 to pay the traveling expenses of Bishop Marvin. Of the residue, $950, we appropriate the sum of $850 to the support of the Bishops, now due, and the sum of $100 to reduce the old debt due our Superintendents.

The assessment for the Conference Fund was $2,600, duly apportioned among the different charges. The amount collected was $1608 60, and $50 from the VanHouten Trust Fund, leaving a deficit of $941 40. The small amount placed in our hands we have apportioned among the several claimants, according to our "best judgment of their several necessities," as follows:

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM PAID.	AMOUNT.
Mrs. Vernon Johnson,	P. A. Johnson,	$ 60 00
Mrs. D. Davidson,	W. H. Watkins,	30 00
Mrs. Thompson and children,	J. C. Brogan,	105 00
Mrs. Thomas Clinton,	W. E. Ballard,	60 00
Mrs. D. Wiggins and child,	H. H. Montgomery,	30 00
Mrs. W. W. Drake and children,	W. L. C. Hunnicutt,	90 00
Mrs. Berry and children,	I. B. Robertson,	90 00
Mrs. R. J. Jones and children,	J. H. Holland,	90 00
Mrs. Redding and children,	J. M. Weems,	120 00
Mrs. L. Campbell,	C. G. Andrews,	60 90
Mrs. P. Cooper,	H. R. Singleton,	30 00
James Long and wife,	J. H. Holland,	70 00
J. B. Higginbotham,	J. A. Godfrey,	60 00
Mrs. Deborah Johnson,	J. G. Guice,	15 00
Mrs. B. M. Drake,	W. L. C. Hunnicutt,	60 00
Mrs. N. C. Haney,	Thomas Price	60 00

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM PAID.	AMOUNT.
Mrs. Shubert,	H. W. Featherston,	30 00
Mrs. Wm. McCormick,	J. H. Holland,	30 00
J. G. Jones and wife,	Self,	60 00
Mrs. Thomas Nixon,	C. F. Gillespie,	60 00
Wm. Finn and wife,	W. H. Watkins,	60 00
R. Lambuth's child,	H. H. Montgomery,	15 00
D. N. Wadsworth's child,	W. Wadsworth,	15 00
Peter Green's two children,	H. P. Lewis,	60 00
Bro. Sims' child,	E. P. Ellis,	30 00
James Shanks,	D. A. Little,	60 00
Mrs. Hardy Mullens,	B. T. Pearson,	16 00
Jos. Nicholson,	Self,	60 00
Barnabus Pipkin,	D. P. Bradford,	60 00
Jesse McKay and family,	L. Carley,	42 00
Andrew Day,	Self,	30 00
Surplus,		1 60
Amount,		$1658 60

We estimate the amounts necessary to meet the claims upon the Conference during the ensuing year, for the Conference Fund, $2,500; and for the Bishop's Fund, $900; and distribute the same among the several Districts as follows:

Vicksburg,	$170	$ 445
Jackson,	170	445
Brandon,	75	215
Brookhaven,	120	450
Woodville,	100	330
Sea Shore,	65	150
Meridian,	100	290
Summit,	100	175
Total,	$900	$2,500

We would call attention to a bad habit into which some of the members of this Conference are falling—the paying out of moneys of the Conference Fund before the convening of the Annual Conference, and then turning over to the Board merely the receipts of claimants. This is in direct conflict with the Discipline, and we regard it as a usurpation of the prerogatives of this Board. We ask the Conference to take such action as will express a disapproval of such conduct and effectually prevent a recurrence in the future.

We would call attention to the apparent indifference of the brethren toward furnishing us with sufficient data to form correct ideas of the comparative necessities of the several claimants. In many cases it is extremely difficult for the Board to obtain correct information, simply because the preachers in charge make no effort to furnish the desired information.

We express our deep regret at the deficit existing in the Conference Fund, and would urge our brethren to be more diligent in collecting the assessments for this fund. Its object is most noble, and the recipients are most worthy. We should not be slack in this cause.

We recommend the continuation of the plan requiring the Presiding Elders to collect the assessments for the Bishops' support.

Signed, R. D. NORSWORTHY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church make the following report:

Many of the difficulties under which we have so long labored, still remain to hinder our operations, and to prevent that large success which is our aim and effort. The times, and the section in which we live, have been marked by peculiar evils, but by these continued troubles the energies of the church have not been paralzyed, and she is to-day perhaps stronger to labor, and more willing in the service of God, than ever before. Even in her wilderness journeys, the presence of the Lord has gone before.

It is exceedingly gratifying to us to be able to report that there have been, during the year, gracious revivals of religion, and numbers have been converted to God, thus showing that the Holy Ghost is still in the church, giving power to her ministrations and ordinances. Numbers have come to a blessed assurance of their present acceptance with God, and are walking in newness of life.

The additions to the church amount to one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight persons, and our entire membership numbers 19,167. The infants baptized number seven hundred and ninety-seven.

We believe that throughout nearly our whole borders, the spiritual condition of the church has improved. We have never had a more earnest church, nor joyous, than that of to-day. Our people still ové our doctrines and discipline.

Our preachers are engaged in teaching the truth; our pulpits give forth no uncertain sound, adhering to the simplicity that is in Christ.

Our Missionary collections are, in the aggregate, larger than those of last year. Still, we need to pay increased attention to this important department, as an evangelical church, by her very character and spirit, must also be evangelistic.

The contributions to the fund for widows, orphans and superannuated preachers, have fallen short of those of last year, about two hundred and ninety-dollars. This is much to be deplored, as it lessens much the meagre amount accustomed to be received by those who make the strongest and tenderest appeals.

Two venerated and beloved ministers of our Conference, after long lives of usefulness, have died during the year. The statistics show that one hundred and seventy-eight deaths have occurred among the

members of the church. Numbers of these, we know, have died in the assured hope of eternal life, and thus our church is a witnessing church, even until its hosts pass over into the ranks of the redeemed.

Events and circumstances are manifestly vindicating the excellence and efficiency of our itinerant system, and into our ranks are coming a company of new laborers to occupy our constantly enlarging work.

An honored member of our body has cheered our hearts by recounting to us, in his simi-centennial discourse, the wonders that God hath wrought for us in the past, The small and humble beginnings detailed by him, have ended in the largest results. We thank God for the heritage we have received, and are exhorted to renewed diligence in preaching the truth wherein we rejoice, and in caring for the flock of Christ. As we thus consider our present estate, and look out on the future, we believe there is room for hope, for courage, and for growing expectation.

And because of these things, be it

Resolved, That it becomes us, with all our people who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, to give praise to Him who is the great head of the church, for the continued expressions of His grace, for the fulfillment of His promises, and for the abundant hope that we cherish concerning the future.

E. H. MOUNGER.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY WITH FAMILY OF REV. THOMAS CLINTON.

Resolved, by the Mississippi Annual Conference, That we sincerely sympathize with the widow and children of our deceased brother and companion in the work of the Ministry, the venerable Rev. Thomas Clinton, in their affliction and bereavement, and assure them of our tender regard and esteem, and affectionately commend them to the loving care of our Heavenly Father, praying that they may be comforted and supported by Him, and finally re-united, a complete family, in Heaven.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow of our departed brother, by the Secretary of the Conference.

C. K. MARSHALL,
J. G. JONES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF REV. J. G. JONES' HISTORY.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have thoughtfully considered the importance of having this valuable work brought out and placed in the hands of the people.

The materials in the field of its survey have been rare, affluent, and are unusually interesting to the present generation. Owing to the present depressed condition of business, and the alarming scarcity of money,

it is not an easy undertaking to bring out the first edition. It is believed that if the first volume were published, it would open the way for the next, and the others in their order, thus by degrees bringing the entire History before our people. After considering many plans, we have concluded that if the members of the Conference will individually interest themselves in the enterprise, it can be made an early and easy success. Be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of this Conference will take and pay for ten copies of the first volume of said History, on its publication.

Resolved, That to aid in the publication of the said volume, we will subscribe, and pay in advance, the sum of ten dollars, on the number of volumes we may receive. The sum so paid to be sent by postoffice or other orders, to Rev. J. A. B. Jones, Port Gibson, of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. MARSHALL, Chairman.

ADELAIDE GREEN FUND.

As treasurer of the Adelaide Green Fund, I report that I have collected $12.60, and recommend that it be placed in the hands of Rev. H. F. Johnson, to be applied to the benefit of such daughter of a Methodist preacher now in his school, as he thinks most needy.

Adopted.

H. H. MONTGOMERY, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT EACH PREACHING PLACE.

Resolved, by the Mississippi Conference, That we earnestly request the Presiding Elders, and pastors in charge, to arrange for a missionary meeting, to be held at each preaching place in our Conference during the ensuing Conference year, and that addresses or sermons be delivered on those occasions, giving information on domestic and foreign missions, and that collections and subscriptions for missions be taken at such meetings.

H. F. JOHNSON,
J. M. WEEMS.

INCREASED EFFORT FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

WHEREAS, There is a lamentable deficit in meeting the claims of the beneficiaries of the Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, That we will redouble our diligence to secure the amounts necessary for the Conference claimants during the ensuing year.

(Signed,) P. A. JOHNSON.

STATISTICAL BLANKS TO BE USED.

Conference resolved to adopt the largest form of statistical reports, published at Nashville, for the purpose of making out their returns for the next session.

APPRECIATION OF THE HOSPITALITY OF CANTON.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the generous hospitality of the excellent families of the city of Canton, in their entertainment of the members of this Conference, and we bid them adieu with loving and prayerful solicitude for their prosperity and future happiness.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Centenary College.—E. E. Hamilton, J. W. McLauren, E. P. Ellis, J. E. Jagers.

Whitworth Female College.—H. H. Montgomery, J. T. Heard, J. M. Weems, W. L. Nugent, C. B. Galloway, A. M. Barrington.

Port Gibson Collegiate Academy.—E. H. Mounger, W. B. Lewis, F. M. Featherstun, T. L. Mellen.

East Mississippi Female College.—T. S. West, R. S. Woodward, W. H. Leith, Irvin Miller.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

CLERICAL.—R. D. Norsworthy, W. B. Lewis, D. C. Langford, H. P. Lewis, W. E. Ballard, B. Jones, U. B. Philips, A. M. Campbell.

LAY.—W. L. Nugent, T. L. Mellen, L. K. Barber, Geo. Nicholson, I. V. Enochs. W. M. Thornton, V. M. West, H. C. Vaughan.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

For Admission on Trial.—J. A. Godfrey, J. T. Heard, J. L. Forsyth.

For the First Year.—J. A. B. Jones, W. B. Lewis, W. B. Hines.

For the Second Year.—H. F. Johnson, W. H. Watkins, W. C. Black.

For the Third Year.—B. Jones, W. H. Leith, E. H. Mounger.

For the Fourth Year.—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, C. B. Galloway, R. J. Jones.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report that the Rev. James A. Ivey, general agent of the Southwestern Bible Society, has traveled through portions of the territory embraced within the bounds of the Mississippi Conference, the present year. But as to whether he has established any auxiliary societies, and as the number of copies of the Bible he has distributed, we have no information. Nor do know of any colporteurs of the American Bible Society with whom to communicate for the information we would like to report. Nor do we know of any moneys collected for the benefit of the American Bible Society, within our bounds. Therefore, for want of means of information upon this subject, the report of your committee must of necessity by a meagre one. It is with pleasure we learn that, at the Depository of the Southwestern Bible Society, there are Bibles and Testaments in any quantity needed, and that these books can be purchased at low rates. And we would further add that, while the American Bible Society embraces the whole country under its jurisdiction, yet we deem it our duty to sustain to the best of our ability the Southwestern Bible Society, from the fact that we are more intimately connected with that Society than any other.

In this Christian country that has been so highly favored with the light of the Gospel, one would scarcely suppose that there would be any scarcity of the Bread of Life. But alas!. the contrary of this is true. In a communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Southwestern Bible Society, to this Conference, he tells us that there is great spiritual destitution in parts of the State of Mississippi, and he earnestly invokes the aid of this body in supplying those destitute places with the word of God. And as it is very desirable that these places should be supplied in some way with the Holy Scriptures; and, as in the judgment of your committee, the most feasible plan of accomplishing this object is, a hearty co-operation with the Southwestern Bible Society, we offer the following:

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, will extend all the aid in our power to any Bible agent, or colperteur, who may operate within our bounds, in spreading the word of God.

R. BRADLY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools find by reference to our present statistical report, that there are within the bounds of this Conference, 175 Sunday Schools, 1067 officers and teachers, 6474 pupils, 19,713 volumes in library, and $510.60 has been collected in Sunday Schools for Missions.

We make the following recommendations:

1st. That all of our Sunday Schools be organized into Missionary Societies.

2d. That a mass meeting be held some night during each session of Conference, at which the Sunday School cause shall be brought prominently before the meeting by speakers chosen for that purpose.

3d. That the pastors carry out the provision of Discipline in regard to Sunday Schools. (See pages 53, 122–4.)

C. McDONALD, Sec'y Com'tee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

It is with feelings of mingled wonder and delight that we contemplate the progress of Missions in every part of the world. Every branch of the church seems inspired with an unwonted zeal in this great cause. Missionaries are finding their way to every part of the world, and depositing the leaven of the Gospel among all the families of our race. The leaven, too, has been working mightily among the people of the earth. Never, perhaps, was the Kingdom of Christ more rapidly extended than during the last ten years. The list of the stations and the names of the Missionaries in the different Missionary fields, would fill a volume. Countless thousands are annually brought under the influence of the Gospel, through the labors of self-denying and faithful Missionaries. From India and from China, from Madagascar and from Japan, from Africa and from Australia, from Mexico and from South America, as well as from scores of other fields, the laborers send up the cheering news that God is giving the heathen to His Son for a possession, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His inheritance.

But a few years ago, the M. E. Church, South, had but one foreign Mission, and that was in a crippled and languishing condition. Now she has three, two of which—one in China and the other in Mexico—are in a flourishing condition, and the third, in South America, is making a most hopeful beginning.

Our church has now in China three Missionaries and six native agents, five churches, five schools, and two Bible woman. Bro. Lambuth, of our own Conference, is laboring exclusively as a Missionary, while Bro. Allen edits and publishes one of the most popular and useful religious and literary magazines in that vast empire. In Mexico we have a magnificent church and a good congregation, with Bro. Daves for Superintendent, assisted by several able native preachers. Bro. Ransom has perhaps by this time reached the field of his labors in South America, to which he was recently sent by the General Board.

Within the bounds of the Mississippl Conference, we have now on the list of appointments thirteen Missions, eleven of which were filled this year by faithful laborers. To supplement the meagre and altogether inadequate salaries of these Missionaries, the board have appropriated and distributed, according to their best judgment, twelve hundred and ninety ($1,290.00) dollars, paying dollar for dollar on all drafts in favor of Missions where a full year's work has been done.

Fourteen hundred and thirty-four ($1.434.30) dollars and thirty cents have been collected for domestic Missions in our bounds during this year. This amount has been received by the Secretary, and transferred to the treasurer of the board. There will therefore remain in the treasury, after paying all the drafts for the present year, one hundred and forty-four dollars and thirty cents, which may serve to aid necessitous Missionaries during the coming year, and give assurance to all who may be appointed on Missions, that though the board may promise them but little, that little will be sure.

Though a little less than half the amount assessed was collected in the different districts during the year, the board feel encouraged by the results of their first year's work under the new constitution, and hope that at no distant day it may be truly said that there is not a neighborhood within the bounds of our conference, where the sound of the Gospel is not heard.

There was collected at the anniversary meeting on Saturday night, $213.65, one-half of which being sent to the General Board, leaves $106.83½ for domestic Missions, to which must be added $17.50 additional from Georgetown circuit. We then have a grand total for domestic Missions, of $1,578.65, an amount almost equal to that collected last year for both domestic and foreign Missions.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1876.

DISTRICT.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.
Vicksburg,	$ 425	$ 500
Jackson,	450	540
Brookhaven,	375	450
Meridian,	325	400
Brandon,	300	360
Summit,	225	300
Woodville,	225	290
Seashore,	150	180
Total	$2475	$3020

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT.

SPEAKER FOR OUR NEXT ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. W. E. M. Linfield was elected by the Board to deliver an address on Missions at our next anniversary. Rev. C. G. Andrews was elected his alternate

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,
Secretary Board of Missions, Miss. Conference.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

W. H. Watkins, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary Society of the Mississippi Conference, for Foreign Missions:

1875.	Dr.	Cr.
Dec. 20.—To am't paid by Vicksburg Dist.,.....	$ 171 85	
" " — " " " Woodville "	137 00	
" " — " " " Brookhaven "	312 40	
" " — " " " Meridian, "	250 60	
" " — " " " Summit, "	81 50	
" " — " " " Brandon, "	50 00	
" " — " " " Sea Shore, "	38 25	
" " — " " " Jackson, "	348 10	
" "—By " Dr. Redford,.....		$ 800 00
" " — " Vouchers on file,.....		320 95
" " — " Cash for balance.....		269 75
	$1,390 70	—$1,390 70

W. H. Watkins, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary Society of the Mississippi Conference, for Domestic Missions:

1875.	Dr.	Cr.
Dec. 20.—To balance Conference of 1874,.....	$ 19 43	
" " — " am't rec'd from the Sec'y this date,	1,534 30	
" "—By cash paid Beverly Carradine,.....		$ 100 00
" " — " " H. P. Bowen,.....		125 00
" " — " " E. R. Strickland.....		150 00
" " — " " E. F. Mullins.....		150 00
" " — " " W. W. Hopper.....		100 00
" " — " " Chas. Reed.....		75 00
" " — " " T. C. Wimbish.....		150 00
" " — " " C. R. Benson.....		100 00
" " — " " Jos. Nicholson.....		100 00
" " — " " D. Merchant.....		40 00
" " — " " C. F. Gillespie.....		200 00
" " — " for balance.....		163 73
	$1,453 73	—$1,453 73

W. H. WATKINS, Treasurer.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERS.			ADDIT'NS			SUNDAY SCHOOLS					
STATIONS.....	LOCAL PREACHERS.	WHITES.....	COLORED.....	DEATHS.....	BY BAPTISM....	PROFESSION ...	INFANTS.....	NUMBER	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.....	VOLUMES IN LIBRARY.	Ch. NUMBER...
Jackson Station..	.....	230	...	4	4	24	7	1	13	130	1500	1
Brownsville	.....	160	...	2	.....	.....	.....	2	13	88	325	2
Verona Mission..	.....	92	...		20	38	6	1	6	25	90	2
Madison Circuit	1	63	...	1	2	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Canton Station...	.....	175	1	2	9	20	5	1	23	120	553	1
Sharon Circuit...	3	180	...		8	4	4	1	11	60	350	3
Camden	.....	115	2	2	14	23	1	1	11	52	100	2
Thomastown	3	185	...	2	12	18	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Carthage.....	3	307	...	1	6	24	7	4	16	120	40	4
Dover.....	1	145	...	5	11	16	3	1	3	27	25	3
Yazoo Circuit.....	4	284	...		15	22	17	5	22	125	100	4
Yazoo City	.....	130	...		5	4	1	12	68	68	250	1
Silver Creek.....	.....	14	...		1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Total.....	15	2080	3	19	103	203	57	29	186	815	4333	30
VICKSBURG DIST.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vicksbuog Stat'n	1	230	...	4	11	10	7	1	24	100	500	2
Grove Street	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Warren.....	3	230	...	1	10	18	14	1	6	60	250	3
Milldale & C. R..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sunflower Mis'n.	.....	12	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Warren....	1	99	...	4	1	1	.....	2	3	26	100	3
Cayuga	3	100	...	.....	5	7	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Rocky Springs...	.....	242	...	.....	.....	5	1	1	5	30	286	3
Fayette	4	400	...	.....	19	.....	19	6	24	100	500	4
Port Gibson.....	.....	115	...	1	.....	9	5	1	11	50	400	1
Natchez...	.....	195	...	5	4	13	6	1	19	95	375	1
Kingston.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clover Hill.....	.....	47	...	1	.....	.....	.....	1	8	25	60	.....
Mt. Olivet.....	2	209	...	5	1	1	11	1	5	12	.....	2
Rolling Fork.....	2	120	...	2	2	10	1	2	10	75	350	1
Total.....	16	1999	...	23	53	74	65	17	115	573	2821	23
WOODVILLE DIST.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodville Stat'n	1	123	...	1	.....	.....	9	3	11	114	200	1
Buffalo.....	.....	263	...	.....	12	.....	10	2	3	27	.....	5
Bayou Sara.....	1	151	...	.....	7	.....	7	3	13	47	200	3
Wilkinson.....	2	254	...	.....	9	.....	4	2	7	30	150	4
Jackson, La.....	8	256	...	.....	3	.....	17	2	16	115	200	3
East Feliciana...	1	295	...	.....	19	.....	13	1	5	36	75	4
Clinton	.....	89	1	1	.....	2	6	1	14	80	150	1
Total.....	13	1431	1	2	49	2	66	14	68	449	975	21
SUMMIT DISTRICT	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summit.....	3	193	...	2	14	6	2	3	23	145	100	3
Magnolia Grove..	1	166	...	4	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	100	3
China Grove.....	.....	195	...	2	6	1	1	3	12	50	.....	5
Franklinton	1	137	...	3	3	11	6	1	5	54	75	1
Covington Mis'n	.....	150	...	.....	.....	.....	5	7	7	40	.....	1
Amite City.....	.....	200	...	5	.....	4	13	4	10	100	400	3
Hammond Ct.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Ct.....	2	304	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Helena.....	1	256	...	1	.....	5	3	3	15	76	30	4
Amite Ct.....	4	369	...	.....	10	7	2	3	12	120	100	4
E. Baton Rouge...	1	309	...	7	15	25	14	4	18	50	150	4
Meadville.....	2	323	...	4	7	15	2	4	27	98	120	4
Homochitto.....	2	174	...	2	17	20	2	2	6	61	83	3
Monticello Mis'n	3	118	...	3	7	14	3	2	8	95	100	4
Total.....	20	2590	...	33	81	108	55	36	143	899	1458	39

CHURCH PROPERTY.				MONEY EXPENDED			DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.			
Edifices.	*Pars'nages*						*Missions.*			
VALUE.....	NUMBER....	VALUE.....	OTHER CH. PROPERTY.	SALARIES OF OFFICERS.	FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	AND REP'RING BUILDING	S. SCHOOLS. RAISED IN	IN CH'RCHES	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	BISHOPS.....
$7500 00	1	$3500 00	$ 1000 00	$1725 00	125 00	1187 00	100 00	260 00	43 00	28 00
5000 00	...	.....	.....	962 00	.....	100 00	15 25	52 00	56 00	.....
1700 00	...	.....	.....	280 50	15 00	200 00	.....	12 60	10 55	6 90
5000 00	1	1000 00	.....	590 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	14 00	15 00
5500 00	1	1750 00	1000 00	1225 00	.....	200 00	30 00	80 75	61 45	20 00
2100 00	...	.....	.....	427 35	.....	.....	14 20	57 20	20 65	5 95
5000 00	1	500 00	.....	536 30	.....	33 00	23 00	20 00	35 00	15 00
600 00	...	.....	.....	319 00	.....	.....	.....	27 00	25 00	15 00
800 00	...	.....	20 00	340 50	10 00	.....	.....	22 00	8 35	3 00
4000 00	1	400 00	.....	283 00	.....	.....	.....	11 25	10 00	3 00
5000 00	1	1500 25	.....	925 00	48 00	1140 75	.....	35 00	25 00	15 00
4500 00	1	2500 00	1000 00	1199 25	60 00	185 00	22 00	56 80	43 50	20 00
600 00	...	.....	100 00	571 80	.....	.....	.....	5 25	5 00	.....
47300 00	7	10150 00	3120 00	9381 70	258 00	3045 75	204 45	659 85	358 00	135 85
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14500 00	1	6000 00	2000 00	1860 00	96 00	40 00	32 50	75 00	76 00	35 00
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2100 00	1	700 00	100 00	617 00	47 00	25 25	.....	60 00	30 00	20 00
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4600 00	...	.....	.....	588 00	15 00	.....	24 00	8 25	38 95	10 00
4000 00	...	.....	.....	200 00	.....	150 00	.....	3 20	21 85	.....
3200 00	...	.....	150 00	475 70	.....	.....	.....	36 65	45 00	10 00
5000 00	1	1500 00	300 00	773 25	50 00	300 00	.....	32 80	33 50	20 00
16000 00	1	2200 00	31000 00	854 00	30 00	.....	21 00	37 00	50 00	18 30
22000 00	...	.....	800 00	1480 00	100 00	288 00	30 00	74 00	75 00	30 00
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1	740 00	200 00	674 00	20 00	.....	.....	16 00	5 00	15 00
1400 00	...	.....	.....	400 00	15 00	30 00	8 50	.....	25 00	10 00
2500 00	...	.....	400 00	331 20	.....	2500 00	.....	.....	.....	6 50
75300 00	5	11140 00	7050 00	9353 15	373 00	3333 35	116 00	342 90	400 20	174 50
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5000 00	1	2500 00	.....	620 00	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	13 90
4000 00	...	.....	60 00	102 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 50
2000 00	...	.....	.....	165 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	6 05	13 75
3600 00	1	1200 00	180 00	405 00	.....	.....	.....	46 65	17 30	12 85
6700 00	...	.....	80000 00	673 70	.....	20 00	12 00	54 55	45 00	37 15
4800 00	...	.....	.....	502 75	.....	100 00	.....	13 10	5 00	5 85
3000 00	1	2000 00	.....	575 00	20 00	.....	.....	59 70	6 50	12 80
29100 00	3	5700 00	80240 00	3045 70	20 00	180 00	12 00	177 95	79 85	105 80
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2000 00	1	400 00	.....	330 00	47 80	35 00	.....	13 00	12 00	14 40
2000 00	...	.....	300 00	347 75	.....	.....	.....	20 00	10 00	10 00
4500 00	...	.....	.....	308 00	10 00	20 00	.....	33 85	12 50	8 20
500 00	...	.....	.....	193 35	25 00	400 00	15 00	18 25	8 50	8 50
1500 00	...	.....	.....	131 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
4000 00	...	.....	50 00	439 00	.....	100 00	.....	5 00	3 00	5 00
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5400 00	...	.....	.....	287 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	14 05	12 00
3000 00	...	.....	.....	343 00	.....	20 00	.....	15 00	5 50	5 00
2000 00	...	.....	50 00	300 00	5 00	353 00	.....	7 65	11 50	4 30
1150 00	...	.....	.....	195 25	12 50	.....	.....	2 50	1 45	8 40
1400 00	...	.....	.....	111 75	.....	35 00	.....	7 00	.....	5 40
3500 00	...	.....	.....	130 00	.....	.....	.....	5 65	2 65	1 00
27450 00	1	400 00	400 00	3116 40	100 00	963 00	15 00	138 90	80 65	81 90

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERS.			ADDIT'NS				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Ch.
	LOCAL PREACHERS	WHITE	COLORED	DEATHS	BY BAPTISM	PROFESSION	INFANTS	NUMBER	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS	SCHOLARS	VOLUMES IN LIBRARY	NUMBER
BROOKHAVEN DIST.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brookhaven Sta	3	170	...	3	2	46	2	1	19	160	550	1
Beauregard	1	266	...	2	28	27	4	3	19	110	200	4
Scotland	2	265	...	4	4	21	4	3	12	60	100	5
Brandywine	2	402	...	7	30	60	18	2	8	40	.....	5
Hazelhurst	1	127	...	2	10	20	1	1	17	105	50	1
Providence	4	279	...	2	8	30	14	1	5	35	25	4
Zion Mission	1	124	...	1	14	20	1	1	5	20	30	3
Georgetown	1	222	...	2	21	39	2	5	45	194	200	3
Crystal Springs	3	317	...	.....	19	31	15	2	19	110	150	1
Raymond	1	133	...	.....	5	2	8	3	27	175	150	3
Spring Ridge	.....	155	...	1	6	14	15	3	15	100	150	4
Total	19	2460	...	24	147	310	85	25	191	1109	1605	34
BRANDON DISTRICT.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brandon Station	1	132	...	1	2	9	3	1	15	62	350	1
Fannin Ct	1	475	...	3	25	24	22	5	30	250	400	6
Garlandsville	1	203	...	.....	11	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Raleigh	1	352	...	4	13	44	22	3	16	120	300	4
Trenton	2	260	...	4	4	11	6	1	3	21	.....	6
Strong River Mis'n	.....	26	...	.....	4	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Morton Ct	.....	254	...	1	10	16	18	2	16	82	140	5
Hillsboro	3	241	...	3	.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Walnut Grove	8	360	...	4	23	50	9	2	9	75	200	3
Centreville	6	313	2	1	5	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Decatur Mission	.....	64	...	3	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forest and Lake	2	297	...	3	16	26	19	.....	.....	.....	166	4
Philadelphia	1	318	...	2	15	12	17	1	4	45	50	5
Total	26	3295	2	29	131	224	127	15	93	655	1606	42
MERIDIAN DIST.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meridian Station	2	230	...	4	8	14	7	1	7	187	349	1
DeKalb	1	337	...	2	13	36	7	3	9	67	200	5
Spring Hill	4	503	1	.....	33	.....	67	4	8	206	400	8
Marion	5	680	...	5	24	56	26	8	40	260	590	13
Enterprise Station	1	120	...	1	10	6	6	1	12	75	500	1
Enterprise Ct	1	198	...	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Chunkey Ct	2	283	...	1	4	10	5	1	4	30	40	4
DeSoto Ct	3	337	...	4	10	20	30	5	34	250	97	10
Shubuta	1	175	...	3	.....	16	17	3	10	70	50	1
Ellisville Mission	.....	101	2	.....	16	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesboro	.....	200	...	3	20	14	12	2	14	120	110	1
Wayne Ct	4	554	...	5	15	28	13	7	33	253	119	7
Paulding Ct	4	507	...	.....	15	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Total	29	4225	3	28	168	200	242	35	211	1518	2455	68
SEA SHORE DIST.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
Mt. Carmel Ct	1	400	...	3	7	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Westville Ct	2	99	...	2	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Taylorsville Mis'n	4	137	...	1	2	11	9	3	7	101	.....	.....
Rankin Ct	3	415	...	5	5	27	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Columbia Ct	.....	121	...	1	2	5	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Pearlington Ct	.....	103	...	.....	1	11	9	2	15	110	160	.....
Handsboro Mis'n	1	52	...	6	1	.....	5	1	8	40	200	2
Ocean Springs Sta.	1	51	...	.....	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
White Plains Ct	6	325	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Black Creek Mis'n	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enon Ct	3	125	8	.....	8	20	21	1	3	40	.....	2
East Pascagoula	1	268	...	2	10	7	22	7	27	165	100	7
Chickasah&G. M'n.	.....	269	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	17	1771	8	20	40	65	100	14	60	456	460	26

CHURCH PROPERTY.				MONEY EXPENDED			DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.			
Edific's	*Pars'nages*						*Missions.*			
VALUE.....	NUMBER...	VALUE.....	OTHER CH. PROPERTY.	SALARIES OF OFFICERS.	FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	BUILDING AND REP'RING	RAISED IN S. SCHOOLS	IN CH'RCHS	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	BISHOPS.....
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$ 3500	1	1700	$50000 00	$ 825 00	$59 00	100 00	.....	115 75	$41 65	15 00
.....4000	...	.....	.....	704 00	25 00	.....	.....	54 40	18 15	9 50
3800	...	.....	.....	479 00	.....	.....	.....	26 35	23 00	12 00
3000	...	.....	3000 00	450 00	4 00	.....	.....	16 40	14 05	12 80
3000	1	1500	.....	588 00	66 85	545 35	54 00	92 65	50 00	12 30
3000	...	.....	2000 00	517 00	10 00	.....	.....	78 00	27 00	16 80
2500	...	.....	500 00	166 65	6 00	.....	.....	16 10	5 90	2 85
1300	...	.....	.....	700 00	47 00	350 00	.....	72 00	21 00	15 00
4000	1	2000	.....	320 00	20 00	.....	.....	75 10	42 50	15 00
1200	...	.....	.....	660 00	52 00	250 00	4 25	.....	29 95	15 95
5000	...	.....	.....	350 00	30 00	500 00	.....	20 00	10 00	2 50
34300	3	5200	55500 00	5759 65	319 85	1745 35	58 25	566 75	283 20	129 70
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10000	...	.....	300 00	1120 00	52 15	130 00	.....	12 05	20 00	12 00
3000	...	.....	.....	474 90	20 00	150 00	.....	10 00	18 00	12 00
2500	1	500	100 00	445 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 95	12 00
2000	...	.....	.....	292 70	.....	.....	.....	4 00	6 35	7 50
3000	1	300	.....	710 00	.....	17 00	.....	10 00	8 00	8 00
100	...	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2000	...	.....	.....	473 95	10 00	.....	.....	38 00	23 00	12 00
600	...	.....	.....	170 80	7 45	.....	.....	5 00	4 75	4 50
3000	1	4000	.....	605 10	.....	169 00	.....	10 00	15 00	12 00
300	...	.....	.....	117 80	.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	8 00
.....	...	.....	200 00	56 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5400	...	.....	.....	432 60	.....	.....	.....	23 50	11 25	12 00
1700	...	.....	.....	509 15	5 00	.....	.....	41 00	29 00	12 00
33600	3	4800	600 00	5415 65	94 60	466 00	.....	155 20	148 30	112 00
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2500	1	1000	8025 00	1010 00	150 00	250 00	61 90	38 50	.....	25 00
3700	1	600	400 00	198 35	.....	.....	.....	30 90	12 50	7 30
2750	1	450	.....	825 00	.....	454 00	.....	31 75	27 50	12 00
3000	...	.....	.....	405 75	.....	.....	.....	38 00	15 00	5 00
2500	...	.....	.....	850 00	25 00	.....	12 30	40 00	20 00	20 00
1200	...	.....	.....	101 20	.....	.....	.....	9 05	4 95	.....
600	...	.....	.....	149 60	.....	45 00	.....	15 35	7 90	5 00
1200	...	.....	.....	267 75	.....	100 00	.....	30 00	12 75	5 00
1500	1	800	20 00	353 75	12 50	.....	.....	77 00	10 50	10 00
.....	...	.....	.....	86 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1200	...	.....	112 00	625 00	30 00	22 00	18 20	84 00	35 00	20 00
2900	...	.....	.....	400 00	11 35	.....	.....	27 00	10 00	5 45
3400	...	.....	.....	442 70	.....	.....	.....	51 40	27 80	5 00
26450	4	2850	8557 00	5715 10	228 85	871 00	91 40	471 95	193 90	119 75
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
800	...	.....	.....	133 00	.....	.....	.....	2 65	2 00	7 65
1600	...	.....	.....	57 20	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
.....	...	.....	.....	41 00	.....	.....	.....	1 10	60	1 35
1600	...	.....	.....	364 70	.....	.....	.....	8 00	8 00	6 90
100	...	.....	.....	180 70	.....	.....	.....	3 75	.....	6 00
.....	...	.....	.....	425 65	16 40	.....	.....	11 30	6 25	8 00
2000	...	.....	1000 00	90 00	10 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	3 50
6500	...	.....	.....	247 50	.....	.....	.....	3 00	2 00	6 50
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500	...	.....	.....	162 00	.....	.....	.....	10 25	3 00	8 00
3850	1	1500	25 00	581 00	55 00	20 00	13 50	36 50	13 50	.....
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11950	1	1500	1025 00	2883 75	81 40	120 00	13 50	77 55	35 30	47 90

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS	MEMBERS			AD'T'NS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS				CHURCH PROPERTY.					MONEY EXPENDED.			DISCIPLINARY COLLECT'NS			
										Ch. Edifices.		Parsonages.						Missions.			
	LOCAL PREACHERS.	WHITE	COLORED	DEATHS	BY BAPTISM	PROFESSIONS	INFANTS	NUMBER	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS	IN LIBRARY. VOLUMES	NUMBER	VALUE	NUMBER	VALUE	OTHER CHURCH PROPERTY	SALARIES FOR MINISTERS.	FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS	BUILDING AND REPAIRING,	RAISED IN SUNDAY SCH'LS	RAISED IN CHURCHES.	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	BISHOPS
Jackson	15	2,180	3	19	103	203	57	29	186	815	4,333	30	$ 45,300 00	7	$10,150 00	$ 3,120 00	$ 8,381 71	$ 258 00	$3045 70	$ 204 45	$ 639 85	$ 358 00	$ 135 80
Vicksb'rg	16	1,999	...	23	53	74	65	17	115	57	2,821	23	75,300 00	5	11,140 00	7,050 00	9,355 15	373 00	3333 25	116 00	342 90	400 20	174 50
Woodville	13	1,430	1	2	49	2	66	14	68	449	975	21	29,100 00	3	5,700 00	80,240 00	3,055 70	30 00	180 00	12 00	177 95	79 85	105 80
Summit	18	2,590	...	33	81	108	55	36	143	899	1,458	39	27,450 00	1	400 00	400 00	3,116 40	100 30	963 00	15 00	138 90	80 65	81 90
Brookhvn	19	2,460	...	24	147	310	85	25	191	1,109	1,605	34	34,300 00	3	5,200 00	55,500 00	5,759 65	319 85	1745 35	58 25	566 75	283 25	129 70
Brandon	26	3,295	2	29	131	224	127	15	93	655	1,606	42	33,600 00	3	4,800 00	600 00	5,415 65	94 60	466 00	.....	155 20	148 30	112 00
Meridian	29	4,295	3	28	168	200	242	35	211	1,518	2,455	68	26,450 00	4	2,850 00	8,557 00	5,715 10	228 85	871 00	91 40	471 95	193 90	119 75
Sea Shore	17	1,771	8	20	40	65	100	14	60	456	460	26	11,950 00	1	1,500 00	1,025 00	2,283 75	81 40	120 00	13 50	77 55	35 35	47 90
Grand T'l	153	19,150	17	178	772	1,186	797	175	1,067	6,474	19,713	287	$285,450 00	27	$41,740 00	156,402 00	$44,071 10	$1476 00	10124 30	$ 510 60	$2571 05	$1579 45	$ 805 45
T'l last Yr	165	20,639	28	178	986	1,806	884	180	1,087	6,583	16,126	254	287,275 00	28	44,400 00	260,937 15	43,121 05	2337 95	11463 25	262 75	1677 65	1911 88	1122 00
Increase	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,587	33	.....	...	.....	.....	950 05	.....	2335 95	347 85	893 40	.....	.....
Decrease	12	489	11	.....	214	620	87	5	20	109	.....	.....	1,825 00	1	3,226 00	104,444 75	.....	861 95	.....	.....	.....	332 40	216 50

APPOINTMENTS.

JACKSON DISTRICT—Wm. B. Hines, Presiding Elder.
Jackson Station—Charles B. Galloway.
Madison—Beverly Carradine.
Sharon—Ralph Bradley, Charles Reed.
Thomastown Mission—Joseph Q. Hicks.
Camden and Soule Chapel—Warren C. Black.
Carthage—Levi P. Meador.
Dover—V. Hicks Nelson.
Yazoo—James H. Shelton.
Yazoo City Station—Robert D. Norsworthy.
Vernon Mission—William D. Dominick.
Silver Creek—Green W. Brown.
Brownsville—Francis M. Williams.
Canton—William E. M. Linfield.
Missionary to China—James W. Lambuth.
Special Agent Publishing House—Richard Abbey.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT—Francis M. Featherstun, Presiding Elder.
Vicksburg Station—William H. Watkins.
North Warren—John W. Ellison.
Mill Dale and Cane Ridge—James S. Harris.
Sunflower Mission—To be supplied (by J. S. Hutton.)
Clover Hill—Thomas B. Holloman.
Rolling Fork—H. Walter Featherstun.
South Warren—Daniel A. J. Parker.
Mt. Olivet—Andrew B. Stewart.
Rocky Springs—Lewis R. Featherstun.
Cayuga—Charles F. Gillespie.
Port Gibson—Edwin H. Mounger.
Fayette—W. Bryant Lewis.
Kingston—To be supplied (by T. W. Brown.)
Natchez—William L. C. Hunnicutt.
Port Gibson Collegiate Academy—John A. B. Jones, President.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT—James L. Forsyth, Presiding Elder.
Woodville Station—Ephraim E. Hamilton.
Wilkinson—Daniel C. Langford.
Buffalo—James S. Parker.
Bayou Sara—Curtis D. Cecil.
Jackson, La., and Pipkins Chapel—C. Green Andrews.
Clinton Station—James W. McLaurin.
East Feliciana—Newton B. Young.
Centenary College, of Louisiana—C. G. Andrews, President.

SUMMIT DISTRICT—James A. Godfrey, Presiding Elder.
Summit—Ira B. Robertson.
Magnolia—Henry P. Lewis.
China Grove—J. Wesley Sandell.
Franklinton—Ruffin T. Davis.

Covington—Malachi B. Sharborough.
Amite City—George F. Thompson.
Hammond Mission—Charles R. Benson.
St. Helena—George W. Davidson.
Amite—John Ritchey, D. Webster McLean.
East Baton Rouge—Thomas W. Adams.
Meadville—Calvin C. Watkins, Ephraim A. Flowers, Sup.
Port Vincent—Harry B. Denham.
Bogue Chitto—Elisha F. Mullens.

Brookhaven District—Henderson H. Montgomery, Presiding Elder.
Brookhaven Station—Joshua T. Heard.
Beauregard and Wesson—William E. Ballard.
Scotland—John Lusk.
Brandywine—Columbus W. Campbell.
Hazlehurst Station—James M. Weems.
Providence—Bascom T. Pearson.
Georgetown—Archibald B. Nicholson.
Crystal Springs Station—Ambrose M. Barrington, P. A. Johnson, Sup.
Dry Grove—Henry J. Harris.
Raymond—Parmenas Howard.
Spring Ridge—David W. Dillehay.
Bayou Pierre—William Wadsworth.
Whitworth Female College—Harvey F. Johnson, President.

Brandon District—Will H. Leith, Presiding Elder.
Brandon Station—R. S. Woodward.
Fannin—Walter W. Hurst.
Raleigh—John H. Evans.
Morton—James J. Smylie.
Philadelphia—Daniel G. W. Ellis.
Lake—Claiborne McDonald.
Trenton—Jacob H. Holland.
Forest—Robert A. Sibley.
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Walnut Grove—Ben. Jones, John A. Vance, Sup.
Pelahatchie—John N. Williams.
Union Mission—Lyman Carley.
Newton—Joseph B. K. Smith.

Meridian District—John A. Ellis, Presiding Elder.
Meridian Station—Ransom J. Jones.
DeKalb—Andrew J. Coleman.
Marion—Thomas Y. Armstrong.
Enterprise Station—Ulysses B. Philips.
Enterprise Mission—Thomas B. Walden.
Quitman—Alexander L. McBryde.
Shubuta—Thomas S. West.
Paulding—David P. Bradford.

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Lauderdale—James M. Gann.
Wayne—Duncan A. Little.
Waynesboro—Hiram R. Singleton.
Ellisville Mission—To be supplied (by John C. Williams.)
East Mississippi Female College—J. W. Adkisson, President; J. A. Ellis, Agent.

Sea Shore District—Thomas Price, Presiding Elder.
East Pascagoula—Alexander M. Campbell.
Ocean Springs—Robert B. Downer.
Rankin—Lewis Kendall.
Mt. Carmel—David A. Givens.
Westville Mission—To be supplied (by J. O. Napier.)
Taylorville Mission—To be supplied (by R. S. Parker.
Columbia—To be supplied (by W. J. Ball.)
Pearlington—William W. Hopper.
White Plains—David Merchant.
Enon—Charles J. Philips.
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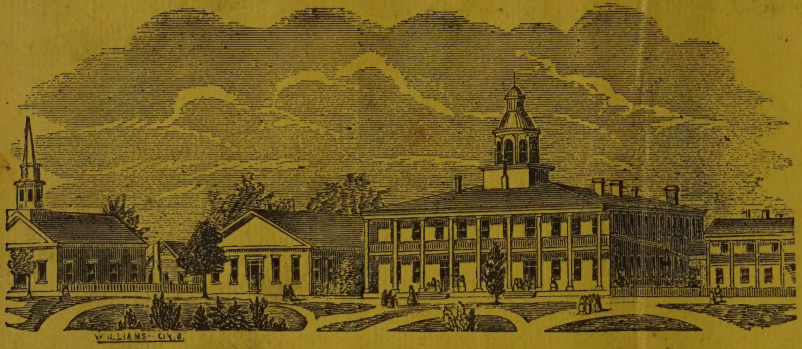

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